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SUBJECT: US JOURNALIST REPORTEDLY REFUSED ENTRY TO INDIA

1. US FREELANCE JOURNALIST RICHARD J. CRITCHFIELD (FORMERLY WASHINGTON STAR) WHO HAS BEEN VISITING NEPAL FOR PAST TWO MONTHS, AND WAS PROCEEDING TO NEW DELHI FOR EXPECTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, TELEPHONED EMBOFF FROM KATHMANDU AIRPORT TODAY TO ADVISE THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT PANAM VIA RA 207 THIS MORNING HE WAS MET BY CONTINGENT OF POLICE WHO INFORMED HIM HE COULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE PERMITTED LAND INDIA AND ESCORTED HIM BACK TO RA AIRCRAFT FOR RETURN TO KATHMANDU. NO EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED BY POLICE BUT CRITCHFIELD RELATES HIS EXPULSION TO RECENT WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ALLEGING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WORKING FOR CIA.

2. ACCORDING CRITCHFIELD HE IS PROCEEDING TO BANGKOK AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD (IT HAD BEEN HIS ORIGINAL INTENTION TO PROCEED FROM DELHI TO LAHORE DEC 8).

COMMENT: IT SEEMS QUITE LIKELY CRITCHFIELD, WHO WAS INCENSED BY STAR ARTICLE, AND WROTE STRONG LETTER TO EDITOR, WILL FILE
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FLAMBOYANT COPY REGARDING HIS NON-ADMISSION TO INDIA.

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